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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 16, 2008 in the referenced application ("Present Office Action;" "OA").

Applicant concurrently petitions under 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(2) for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the time for response up to and including October 17, 2008 (since October 16, 2008 falls on Sunday). Payment by credit card in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$230.00) is being made concurrently with the filing of this paper to cover the two-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2) for a small entity.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.